

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 10, 12-18 and 31 are pending and allowed in this application. By this Amendment, claims 12 and 17 are amended, and claims 19, 20, 35 and 26 are canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited therein. Claims 12 and 17 are amended to correct informalities and for clarity. No new matter is added.

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiner Won in the February 19 telephone interview. Applicant's separate record of the substance of the interview is incorporated into the following remarks.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 10, 12-20 and 31 are allowed. As discussed above, claims 19, 20, 35 and 36 are cancelled.

As agreed during the February 19, 2008 telephone interview, the amendment to claims 12 and 17 should be entered under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.312 and MPEP § 714.16 because they (1) merely embody the correction of formal matters without changing the scope of the claims, because the scope of independent claim 12, from which claim 17 depends, is not broadened; (2) is needed for proper disclosure or protection of the invention because the amendments to claims 12 and 17 clarify the recited features; (3) will not require substantial additional work by the Examiner because claims 12 and 17 should remain allowed for at least the reasons indicated in the January 7, 2008 Notice of Allowance; and (4) are made before payment of the Issue Fee.

In view of at least the foregoing, and as agreed during the February 19, 2008 telephone interview, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments.

Respectfully submitted,



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